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Beginning in January 2008, my Office will no longer administer Mentor Alabama. In 2000, the Office of Attorney General initiated Mentor Alabama, a network of mentoring organizations and volunteers who were interested in mentoring. The goal was to recruit 2,002 volunteers by the year 2002. I am proud to announce that this program has far exceeded these expectations - 260 organizations and 10,209 volunteers. With our goal far exceeded and the mentoring network independently operational, it is now time for my Office to step aside. I am in discussions with another agency to assume the responsibilities of Mentor Alabama and anticipate that more information will be available in the near future.

To the mentoring organizations, thank you for all you do to recruit, train and sustain mentors. You are changing Alabama's future, one child at a time. I know you and your volunteers will continue to achieve the goal of reaching out to help the many children of Alabama who need the support, encouragement, and attention that a mentor provides. Please do not hesitate to contact my office, if you have questions. Jean Davis, who has coordinated *Mentor Alabama* since 2005, may be reached at (334) 242-7923.

To individuals who are visiting this site because they are interested in becoming a volunteer and work with children who need a good adult role model, please continue your search for this opportunity. You are needed in your local area and the satisfaction that you will receive by helping a child will be tremendous. The National Mentoring Organization has information concerning local programs. Please visit its web site, <a href="https://www.mentoring.org">www.mentoring.org</a>.

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